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AGED WRITER OF AFTER THE BALL DIES IN GOTHAM

Writer of Famous Old Ballad of
Forty Years Ago Succumbs at
Age of 65—Wife and Two Children Survive.

New York, Dec. 27.—Charles K. Harris, who entranced the nation under the spell of "After the Ball" is dead.

The song publisher died at his home yesterday after an illness of three weeks. He was 65 years old. Surviving are the widow, the former Cora Lecherberg, of Owensburg, Ky., and two daughters, Mrs. R. Weill of Chicago and Miss Mildred Harris.

Mr. Harris was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., grew up in Saginaw, Mich., Milwaukee, Wis., and Chicago and settled in New York.

After the ball is over,
After the break of dawn,
After the dancers leaving,
After the stars are gone;
Many a heart is aching,
If you could read them all;
Many the hopes that have
Vanished,
After the ball.

Mr. Harris had the distinction of being one of the few men who threw out Mayor James Walker, when young "Jimmy" wrote, "Will you Love Me In December as You Did in May?"

COUNTY SOLONS LEAVE FOR HELENA

The Sheridan county delegation to the 22nd legislative session left New Years day for Helena, in order to be present for the organization of the House and Senate.

Sen. Lars Angvik and Representatives Andrew Ueland of Outlook and Rasmus Ueland of Antelope compose the Sheridan county delegation this session. Lars Angvik was in the House last session along with Andrew Ueland. Last election he was elected with a substantial majority on the Republican ticket over Robert Larson, Farmer-Labor candidate, to succeed Sen. Charles E. Taylor, who retired after serving two terms from this county.

Representative Andrew Ueland is serving his second term, and Rasmus Ueland his first, both being elected as Republicans.

There is much important legislation coming before this session, and the activities of the Sheridan county delegation will be watched with interest.

SEN. NYE OFFERS BILL TO HELP FARMERS

"An eighteen month moratorium on debts owed by farmers to the government through farm loan agencies is proposed in a bill offered in the Senate Tuesday by Senator Gerald P. Nye. The bill would postpone payments of installments, interest and principal on loans made on land by the Federal Farm Loan bank, also seed loans made through the Department of Agriculture and on livestock and chattel loans made through the Intermediate Credit Bank. The purpose of the measure is to give the farmers a breathing spell of a year and a half from the date of the passage of the act and to save them from mortgage foreclosure until the existing depressed condition in all industry has righted itself. The bill commends itself because it protects the farmer in possession of his property until better conditions prevail than at present."

BAND HAS FINE DANCE ON NEW YEARS EVE

The Plentywood Band had a crowd at the New Years Ball given for the benefit of the Band, an organization of which Plentywood has a reason to be proud.

A "Battle of the Air" feature occurred at midnight, when a flying machine on a cable crossed the length of the Temple carrying Wynne DeSilvia who turned loose a flock of balloons for the dancers to catch. Little Miss Mae Duggan appeared in the stage at 12:00 sharp dressed in white and adorned with wings and named 1931; making a very pretty tableaux.

The dancers made merry until about 2:00 o'clock, properly introducing 1931 for good or for bad.

The dance was a great success and was enjoyed by the crowd who attended.

The music, furnished by the DeSilvia Wildwood Dance Band, was the delight of the occasion. The boys looked very spiffy in their beautiful red suits.

Major Financial Panic Overwhelms Nation

TAXPAYER'S ASS'N ASKS COMMISSIONERS TO EXPLAIN

Com. French Gets Orey-Eyed As Farmers Ask Questions

Fifty tax payers met with County Commissioners French and Iverson at the last meeting of the present Board last Friday, December 26th. The delegation arrived at about 2 o'clock and stayed with the Board until it adjourned about 5:30.

Niels Madsen, Clerk & Recorder, was present and also done a lot of explaining that did not explain a thing, and made a very poor impression upon his old friends and neighbors, who were convinced by his remarks that he, too, had gone over body, soul and bristles to the French-Dolin-Powers Medicine Lake machine whose administration has brought the county onto the brink of bankruptcy.

The meeting of the Board was a special one called to finish the unfinished business of the old Board. Victor Anker was not there. He was not at the regular December meeting. Immediately after election he, accompanied by his wife, left for a trip to Texas, and it is said that he will not be back until after January 11th, so will not be at the first meeting. Next Monday, January 5th, of the new Board, when that Board would be organized, who is himself an

LEGGE WANTS TARIFF BOOST

Differs With Stewer on Exclusion—Sees Necessity to Build Economic Wall—Extreme Weakness Hits Market—Slight Raise Seen.

Washington, Dec. 27.—A higher tariff on wheat rather than a temporary embargo, as suggested by Chairman Legge of the farm board was advocated today by Senator Steiwer, if world prices drop to a point permitting importations over the 42 cent tariff now in effect. The Oregon Republican said it was "essential that adequate steps be taken at once to exclude imports of wheat because the farm board has pegged the price and if the foreign market goes down to a point where they can import over the duty, we would be buying Canadian wheat at the pegged price."

CAPITOL BUILDING AT BISMARCK DESTROYED BY FIRE SUNDAY A. M.

Practically All Records Lost—Damage Will Run Into Millions—Documents Regarding \$55,000,000 In State Land Depart and Records of \$40,000,000 In Office of State Treasurer Consumed by Flames—Building Was Old Structure Built In Territorial Days.

Bismarck, Dec. 28.—The North Dakota capital building was destroyed by fire Sunday morning.

Practically all of the official records, files and historical documents of the state were consumed by the flames which started on the upper floor of the four-story brick building spread rapidly and destroyed the main structure and both wings.

State affairs were thrown into a turmoil and Gov. Shafer issued a call for an immediate meeting of all state officials to consider the situation.

Capital Erected In 1884
The capitol was erected in 1884 at the time when North Dakota was but a thinly populated frontier territory. The two wings were added in 1894 and 1904.

Although the monetary loss is not expected to exceed \$60,000, the damage caused by destruction of the records was described as "incalculable."

"Loss of the records will result in the greatest confusion in the state's history and years will pass before it is untangled," Governor Shafer said.

The original copy of the state constitution was among the few

Mail Order Houses Flood Country With Catalogues

Bottom Goes Out of Commodity Prices—Cotton, Wool, Rayon and Silk Prices Slump—Lowest Prices in Fifty-five Years.

The mail order houses are flooding the Northwest with their new sales catalogues, quoting new prices on commodities.

Montgomery, Ward & Co., Sears Roebuck & Company, Bellas Hoss Company, and the M. W. Savage Company, all have their catalogues out. As predicted by the Producers News, commodity prices have taken the most drastic drop recorded in the last half century. Cotton, wool, rayon, linen and silk prices have hit new low with a bang. Silk is cheaper than it has been for fifty-five years.

The prices quoted all simply demoralizing and will be followed shortly by numerous failures on the part of small merchants who have failed to prepare for this inevitable break in prices. The mail order houses are out for the wheat and of course, with 50 cent wheat, and decreasing prices for other farm commodities in the way of milk, cream, butter, cheese, poultry and eggs, the farmers are bound to count their pennies and spend their money where they can get the most for their money. Well the mail order houses know this and they are preparing for a general extension of business.

Small town merchants are playing into the hands of the mail order houses by arbitrarily maintaining prices without regard to replacement costs.

In Plentywood, the merchants are absolutely ruining the town by boycotting the farmers' market. The Producers News, by refusing to advertise. The farmers are retaliating by refusing to buy in Plentywood until the Plentywood merchants call off their boycott, and until they do, they will patronize the mail order houses, and the merchants in the small town, who reduce their prices and patronize the farmers.

The Plentywood merchants are riled at the Producers News for carrying on a campaign against maintenance of war-time prices on groceries and commodities. Since the campaign started these merchants have reduced prices about 30 per cent, which fact the Sheridan county and Plentywood consumers can thank the Producers News for.

A perusal of the catalogue shows silk, the best charmuse for \$1.05 the yard. This used to sell for \$2.75 to \$3.50 the yard. Men's all virgin wool suits are quoted at \$13.50, sheep lined leather coats for \$5.98.

All woolen goods are about half or less than is charged at the local chain store which retails at Plentywood for about 25 per cent more than the same store at Williston sells the same items for.

It is reported that the local chain store manager is to be replaced by another man, as it seems that the company is not satisfied with the showing the store is making in Plentywood, and because of

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GOING ORCHIDS BRING \$12.00 A PIECE

New York, Dec. 26.—The New York Christmas bill for orchids was \$100,000.

Twenty-five thousand of the fragile blossoms were sold by florists and last minute prices in some shops went to \$12 an orchid.

CONGRESSMAN WOULD PAY OFF WAR VETERANS

Representative Garner Anxious to Pay Off Adjusted War Service Certificates—Mature in 1945—Huge Sum Needed—Would Help to Restore Economic Balance.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Payment of adjusted war service certificates on an optional basis was proposed by Rep. Garner of Texas, the minority leader, as a means of "restoring the economic balance."

"The general demand for payment of this debt makes it imperative," he said, "that congress proceed to consider this proposed legislation without delay."

Should be Left to Vets
"Congress should pass a bill granting the world war veterans the option of turning in their certificates at any time and receiving the original settlement value plus five per cent interest to date of payment."

The option plan he said, would permit the veteran in distress to realize on his certificate without a sacrifice, while other veterans could hold their certificates to maturity.

Garner said it would not require more than a billion dollars, while the treasury could borrow money at from 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 per cent.

"I doubt if the treasury ever will again be able," Garner said, "to secure money at such a low rate for the discharge of this obligation."

Garner said he agreed with Secretary Mellon that legislation of this character would bring a measure of relief to the country but he did not believe such relief would be merely temporary.

Garner said he doubted whether more than 60 per cent of the certificates would be cashed at this time.

The adjusted service certificates are in the form of a paid up 20-year endowment policy.

CARL HANSEN



Farmer-Labor County Commissioner who will succeed Commissioner Iverson Monday. He will work with Victor Anker to give the county an honest, efficient administration.

VEHICLE REGISTRAR FILES MOTOR REPORT

Helena, Dec. 27.—Biennial report of the registrar of motor vehicles, received by the state board of examiners today from Warden Austin B. Middleton, shows that receipts of the department amounted to \$3,164,890 in the two year period from June 30, 1928 to June 30, 1930. Disbursements of the department amounted to \$77,964. The difference was turned over to the state board of examiners to be returned to the counties where the money originated. Chief items among the receipts included \$2,386,168 for licensing passenger cars, \$577,458 for trucks, \$61,290 for certificates of title to cars, \$49,947 for license transfers, \$5,162 for duplicate registration receipts, \$8,065 for dealers' licenses, \$2,579 for motorcycle and \$9,622 for back license fees.

EARTHQUAKES IN ARGENTINE

Salta, Argentina, Dec. 27.—New earth tremors and heavy rains today added to the misery of the population of LaPoma, in the Andes, where 33 persons were killed and more than 70 injured when an earthquake destroyed that village yesterday.

A relief expedition which arrived at LaPoma today after a 24-hour march over a rough mountain road found the survivors, still terrorstricken, camped amidst the wreckage of their homes. Six new shanties were built this morning through the province of Salta, but no further deaths or material damage were reported.

Huge Cracks In Earth
The quake left behind it two huge cracks in the earth which today were oozing hot water. In the panic of the first shock it was reported that a number of persons fell into the newly opened cracks and disappeared. The neighboring mountains emitted smoke during the shocks.

The earthquake, survivors said, was accompanied by a sound that commenced like distant thunder, coming from the earth instead of the sky. It increased until it sounded like the greatly amplified galloping of many horses. Those who escaped the first rain of falling masonry and plaster fled to the fields, wandering about until dawn showed the clouds of dust over their ruined homes.

Norris Raps Extravagance
Shown In Doherty Debut

Washington, Dec. 28.—The debut here last night of Miss Helen Lee Eames Doherty was condemned today by Senator Norris of Nebraska as "extravagant and wasteful, particularly in view of the fact that the people across the street were hungry."

The Nebraskaan referred to a bread line which was served in the door of the bank and the same block in which the elaborate party was given by Henry L. Doherty, president of the City Service Corporation, for the daughter of his wife by an earlier marriage.

As in the case of the Bank of United States, Broderick, Tam-

Bankers Responsible For Era of Widespread Business Depression

Business Indexes Hitting New Lows—Unemployment on the Increase—National Credit System Is Tottering—Over Production a Myth—No Hope for Immediate Relief in Spite of Hope Dope Prognosticators.

BANKS ARE FALLING LIKE LEAVES IN AUTUMN

By Horace B. Davis, Federated Press
New York, Dec. 29.—With all the indexes of business activity hitting new lows, and the reputations of all prognosticators who predicted an early revival permanently ruined, the country's credit system is tottering and the business depression is developing into a major financial

BURMA REBELS WORRY JOHN B

Rangoon, Burma, Dec. 29.—A regiment of soldiers with machine guns has been sent into the Tharawaddy district, 65 miles north of here where more than a score have been killed in tax resistance rioting during the past two days.

Four police have been killed and several wounded in encounters with the rebels who thus far have eluded capture by taking advantage of the wild character of the country.

Their leaders show great skill and a phenomenal knowledge of military tactics.

Reports received here are that the natives have plenty of ammunition and guns and have taken up a position behind five miles of impenetrable jungle. They are said to have skillfully strengthened their position by the erection of strong barriers of felled trees and a highly developed scout system has been organized to prevent them being taken by surprise.

Embezzler of \$8,000,000 Is Given 10 Years In Pen

Los Angeles, Dec. 26.—Gilbert H. Beesemyer, confessed embezzler of nearly eight million dollars from the Guaranty Building and Loan association of which he was secretary-manager, was sentenced by the superior court today to serve 10 to 100 years in San Quentin prison.

He pleaded guilty last Tuesday to an indictment charging ten counts of grand theft.

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ANOTHER NEW YORK BANK GOES TO WALL -- 25 MILLION INVOLVED

Cops Draw Guns and Club Against Workers Who Demand Deposits -- 50,000 Depositors -- Second Big Crack Within a Fortnight.

New York.—Another big New York bank crashed Tuesday morning. The Chelsea Bank and Trust Co., with seven branches, \$20,000,000 in deposits and over 50,000 depositors, was closed by the state banking department when depositors began besieging the bank in order to withdraw their money.

The bank officials up to within an hour of the closing of the bank attempted to "assure" the depositors that "everything was all right." Nevertheless, 10,000 lined up in front of the main branch of the bank at 48th Street and Seventh Avenue and they could not get their money.

Police Club Depositors
At the Harlem branch at 2298 Seventh Ave., the depositors rushed the door of the bank and smashed the glass in the windows. The police rushed the crowd and some of them drew their revolvers against indignant depositors. At all other branches long lines and groups of sullen depositors stood at the door of the bank and the cops drew their blackjacks against the workers who found they could not get at their hard earned money.

Examiner Said Bank was Good
As in the case of the Bank of United States, Broderick, Tam-

many superintendent of banks, said he examined the statement of the bank and it was O. K. He also said he had examined the statement of the Bank of United States for 15 months and everything was all right. Nevertheless, the 400,000 depositors are today without one cent of their deposits.

Blame It On Rumors
The bank officials are trying to (Continued on page four)

E. VANCE STARTS AIR TRANSPORT

Great Falls, Dec. 28.—Daily air passenger service between Great Falls and Billings will soon be commenced by Border Air Line, it was announced today. Stope will be made on advance orders at Stanford, Lewistown and Roundup. Earl Vance is the manager of the new line which has filed incorporation papers with the secretary of state. A three passenger heated ship will be used and a six-passenger heated ship will be substituted later if business warrants. The route is approximately 205 miles.

Local Brevities

LOCAL MARKETS

Friday, January 2, 1931

D. Northern	51
Winter wheat	46
Amber durum	45
Rye, per bu.	13
Oats, per bu.	13
Barley, per bu.	14
Flax, per bu.	1.21
Dairy butter, per lb.	25
Eggs, per doz	25
Potatoes, per lb.	.02

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Akeley and Mrs. J. Akeley spent Sunday afternoon at the P. D. Howell home.

Hans Hardersen, well known Archer farmer, was a business caller in this city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Akeley called at the L. J. Moe home and spent Sunday evening socially.

Walter J. By of Dooley was hobnobbing with friends in this city early in the week.

Peter Bruvold of Comertown drove to Plentywood early in the week to do some New Year's shopping.

On Saturday last, a marriage license was issued to John Becker of Raymond and Seraphine Kohler of Outlook.

Lloyd Krebsbach arrived from Glendive last Sunday to spend a number of days with his mother and sister Glor.

Word has been received that Dr. and Mrs. Martin, former residents of Plentywood, have located somewhere in California.

Mrs. Ed Koser is enjoying a few days' visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. C. Wigmore, of Medicine Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Peterson of Dagmar spent Sunday and Monday with their daughters Gertrude and Gladys.

Edward Stubban, prominent merchant of Medicine Lake, was seen shopping and visiting with friends in Plentywood early in the week.

Two Plentywood shoppers and visitors from Medicine Lake early in the week were Andrew Lesterberg and J. C. Wigmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gibbons and daughter autoed up from Reserve Sunday and while enjoying the ride stopped to call on friends in Plentywood.

The P. J. Stewart family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. Fredrickson at Redstone. Mr. Fredrickson recently leased the Redstone Department store.

Mrs. Ed Powers of Medicine Lake drove to Plentywood last Monday to do some shopping and at the same time called on friends before returning home.

Miss Shirley Backer spent the fore part of Christmas week with her father and Mrs. Backer at Medicine Lake. She returned to Plentywood Thursday.

The city youngsters are having no end of enjoyment on the skating rink during the holidays. Many who have heretofore been unable to skate have learned the art this year and are greatly enjoying the healthful sport.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bourassa were back for a few days from the east, where they have been enjoying baths at a warm spring resort. Rumor has it that their trip will visit at Washington, D. C.

Misses Ann Hovet and Katherine Maron were joint hostesses at the Maron home at a 6:30 bridge dinner, after which four tables of bridge afforded diversion of the evening. The fortunate prize winners were Grace Goodman, first; Mrs. C. F. Christianson, second.

Assessor Ole Aspelund was called to the deathbed of a near relative residing in Grand Forks, N. D., which occurred on Christmas Day. Mr. Aspelund returned to Plentywood during the forepart of the week and has the sympathy of his many friends.

Mesdames Tom Kelly and Slaght gave a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Tom Kelly in honor of Mrs. Fairweather nee Hallie Wheeler. Many beautiful and useful gifts were presented and a delightful lunch served to all the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Fairweather plan to make their future home at Fargo, N. D. The newlyweds arrived by car and will leave Wednesday evening.

Edgar Syverud, well known citizen of the Coalridge country, enjoyed Friday in the city in connection with the Taxpayers Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Vik, who live west of Reserve, autoed up to Plentywood last Monday. They made considerable purchases while here in preparation for New Year's festivities and the coming winter months. The Viks believe in preparation.

Mrs. A. C. Erickson was hostess to a number of her friends last Saturday afternoon. The time was spent socially and a delicious lunch served by the ladies before departure. Those invited were Mesdames Conrad Peterson, Raess, L. S. Olson, L. J. Moe, Klovstad and Miss Hulda Just.

The County Commissioners held their last meeting, consisting of the old commissioners, Ed Iverson being the outgoing member and Carl Hanson the new, Friday and Saturday. The Taxpayers Association met with the "county dads" on Friday during their regular session.

LOST—Brown leather pocketbook on main street Christmas Eve between bakery and City Cafe on road south to Overby farm. Contains \$9 or \$10 and \$10 deposit slip for M. Overby. Reward. Notify Mrs. Geo. Overby or Producers News. (40-2tp)

Miss Hulda Just of Wood Lake, Minnesota, who has spent the past several weeks with the L. J. Moe family, left by train Tuesday evening for Malta, this state, where she will spend New Year's and Christmas with her brother, Fred Just and family. Miss Just is a sister of Mrs. Moe and will return to her home in Minnesota some time in April. Miss Just has made many new friends and acquaintances during her stay in Plentywood.

A clever little social and farewell gathering occurred at the court house last Friday evening at 5:00 o'clock when the "Court House Gang" sounded the call in commemoration of three of its outgoing officers which will take place the first Monday in January. These officers are Commissioner Ed Iverson, County Superintendent Elmer Peterson and Assessor Ole Aspelund. A dainty lunch and coffee was served by the remaining officers and their deputies. After a pleasant and sociable time appropriate gifts were tendered the three honored guests as tokens of remembrance and esteem.

Mr. and Mrs. Poscu Popescu were Sunday dinner hosts to a congenial group of young folks consisting of A. G. Amundsen, Kitty Lynch, Hector Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Stein.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stambaugh were congenial hosts at a sumptuous turkey dinner given at their farm home last Tuesday. The guests present were the E. H. Helgeson and Al Hanson families.

A. W. March, who has spent the past month at the State Veterans' hospital at Fort Harrison, returned to his home Monday. Mr. March greatly profited in health while at the institution.

Plentywood's "rising generation" greatly enjoyed the visit of Santa Claus at the Christmas tree on the south end of Main street. Many bags consisting of nuts, candy and fruit were distributed among the children.

Messrs. P. C. Peterson and Matt S. Mattson, well known citizens of Westby, took advantage of the good roads and lovely day last Tuesday and drove to Plentywood where they called on various offices at the county seat.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Moe and family and Miss Hulda Just were Sunday guests at the Rasmussen home on the Blue River east of town. A sumptuous turkey dinner and all the fixings was heartily enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wagnild of Outlook were called to Carryville, Wis., last Monday due to the serious illness of Mrs. Wagnild's father, Mr. A. O. Brice. Their many friends hope for the recovery of Mr. Brice.

Miss Gladys Krebsbach arrived from Williston, N. D., where she is training at the Mercy Hospital. Miss Gladys will spend her two weeks' vacation with her mother and relatives and many friends. Mrs. Krebsbach and son drove to Williston to bring the young lady home.

Miss Arlene Gustafson, who has been visiting for the past week at the home of her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. Gustafson, returned to her home Wednesday accompanied by the Gustafsons, who were enroute to Brockton to spend New Year's.

HOOVER STRIKES AT SOVIET TRADE

Hyde Orders That Sausage Casings No Longer Be Allowed Entry On Russian Inspection—First Steps Against Russia.

Washington, Jan. 1.—President Hoover, through Secretary of Agriculture Hyde, has at last struck openly at Soviet trade with the United States. This first direct blow is directed at imports of sausage casings, which for years have formed one of the big items in the total of imports into this country from the Soviet Union. An order has been issued that after Dec. 15th no certificate of healthful condition, attached to shipments by the meat inspection department of the Soviet government, shall be accepted by the American inspection officers. The Meat Inspection Bureau of the Department of Agriculture explains that this means that henceforth each case of casings will be opened, and its contents will be chemically fumigated before it is admitted to the American market. Denying that this will constitute an embargo, the bureau chiefs admit that it will add to the cost of the Russian product, and hence will reduce its competitive chance in America.

No Kick on Soviet Inspection. For a year and a half, past, the bureau discloses, certificates of inspection authorities have been accepted in good faith. No complaint as to the condition of any Soviet shipment of sausage casings has been filed with the bureau. But an order has been received from Secretary Hyde that the certificates must not be honored after Dec. 15—a date far enough distant to give importers warning to make no more shipments unless they wish to bear the cost of fumigation at New York.

The sole explanation of this anti-Soviet trade move is that the Hoover administration has decided that Soviet inspection certificates are not officially known to be based on actual inspection. Such of these certificates is declared because the United States has no official representatives within the Soviet borders.

Action May Be Far Reaching. While this blow at the casings trade will be serious, in cutting down the amount of Soviet sales in this country and thereby reducing Soviet orders for American machinery and farming implements, the precedent set is more important still. For if such a move is to be rejected, Soviet products are to be rejected, Soviet affidavits as to production by free labor especially—would probably be rejected in the same way.

Order Issued After Cabinet Meets. This order was issued the day after a cabinet meeting, and it appears to indicate that Hoover and his advisers are embarking on a political adventure of shutting off the trade with the Soviet Union, which gave employment in the past year to scores of thousands of American mechanics.

FEDERAL REPORT SHOWS UNEMPLOYMENT ON INCREASE. Washington—FP—So distressing is the news sent in from all quarters of the country to the U. S. Employment Service, for its mid-December bulletin, that Director General Jones has this month omitted his summary and "word of hope" statement which "word of hope" the publication. Massachusetts announced, for example, that "With reduced schedules prevailing in the majority of the plants in operation, employment continued below normal and a surplus of labor abounding practically all the trades existed throughout the month."

Detroit stated in a few sentences that employment in the automobile plant but this was more than offset by the decline in employment in other line. California sent word that "Activities continued curtailed in many industries throughout the state, and in practically all districts, with a marked surplus of building workers reported."

New York state's report was fairly typical of the industrial regions: "While there was a slight increase in operations and employment in several industries, there was a further seasonal curtailment in a number of other manufacturing establishments, and a surplus of labor was apparent practically all localities. The increase in employment was largely due to emergency programs planned to relieve unemployment, and a number of men provided with temporary work of municipal improvements and miscellaneous repair jobs."

Better employment was found in the automobile, railroad shop, and some of the printing plants as well as seasonal extra work in stores and the postal service. Yet New York City reported that the level of factory employment "remained far below normal and a large surplus of labor was apparent throughout the month. Many establishments worked on a part-time basis."

In Ohio the rubber and tire industry employed fewer people and worked only part time. Other industries especially depressed were steel in the building, machinery and pottery industries. Illinois reported curtailed operations and many unemployed in textile, knitting and clothing industries, automobile accessory factories, radio and wood working, farm implements, machine production and printing plants, meat packing and leather establishments. In Milwaukee the majority of plants that reported to the federal agents were working part time schedules. Minneapolis and St. Paul indicated a

GIVE THE FUTURE FARMERS CHANCE

Do you know that the Montana State College is offering a number of practical twelve weeks short courses especially for the young men from the farms and ranches?

Here is a real opportunity for the young men of Sheridan county to get some practical schooling before it is too late in life. Yes, Agriculture is coming back, but it is the young man who combines training with actual experience who will be the farmer of the future. Here are a few points of interest concerning these courses:

1. The courses are given at a convenient time of the year.
2. The courses are open to anyone who can read and write and is over 17 years of age.
3. The state refunds the railway fare in excess of \$15.00 in making the trip.
4. The student may choose a course that will best fit him for the agricultural work he wishes to follow.
5. The total cost, railway fare, room and board books and fees will range from \$85.00 to \$145.00.
6. A graduate nurse is employed to care for minor ailments and advise students when a physician should be employed.
7. Every facility of the institution with its experienced faculty and up to date equipment such as laboratories, greenhouses, creamery, shops, machinery, livestock, etc., are used to make the courses interesting and practical.
8. It trains men to become more useful citizens, better farmers and to fill important jobs in industries allied to farming.

Sheridan county has hundreds of young men who would profit by attending.

I would be glad to talk this matter over with persons interested or they may write to J. O. Trevisan, Principal, Bozeman, Mont.

E. G. Ferguson, County Agent

Wheeler Would Exempt Homestead Residence Year 1929-30

Sen. B. K. Wheeler has introduced amendment to the H. R. 15,256, being the agricultural appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1932, as follows:

AMENDMENT:

"That any homestead settler or entrant who, during the calendar years 1929 and 1930, found it necessary to leave his homestead to seek employment in order to obtain food and other necessities of life for himself, family, and work stock because of serious drought conditions, causing total or partial failure of crops, may, upon filing the register proof of such conditions in the form of a corroborated affidavit, be excused from residence upon his homestead during years 1929 and 1930, and in the making of final proof upon such an entry absence granted under this Act shall be counted and construed as constructive residence by said homesteader."

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Raisers to Demand Tariff on Product — "Disastrous Consequences" to Follow any Decrease in Price Is Warning.

Greeley, Colo., Dec. 22.—Warning that "disastrous consequences" would follow any decrease in the price of sugar beets for the 1931 season was issued here today by the Mountain States Beet Growers Marketing Association.

The statement was released by a special publicity committee of the association.

The beet growers indicated they would ask the Great Western Sugar Company for a new type of contract for next year's crop, by which the cost of production in the growing of beets and the cost of manufacturing would be totalled and profits would be pro-rated between the growers and the company on a cost basis.

Citing that congress had granted the sugar industry a tariff of two cents a pound, or \$5.26 on the average ton of beets, the statement continued:

"This was done with the expectancy that the agricultural interests in the industry would share largely in the protected benefits thereof and the industry would show expansion."

"Under the present arrangement the money received from the sugar company first into the hands of the manufacturer who, through the intent of congress, should act as a public trustee. There has always been a struggle more or less, as to how much of this money the grower would apportion to the grower."

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